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Red Tape Review

Seventy-four days ago, President Obama rolled out an Executive Order for his Administration to conduct a thorough review of the nation's regulatory framework. Unfortunately, his rhetoric doesn't match reality. That is why Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions such as Senator David Vitter's "Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction Act," S. 706, to "unleash our vast domestic energy potential to create American jobs, help free us from our reliance on foreign oil and begin to reduce our \$14 trillion dollar national debt."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: The Senate's EPA Showdown: *A vote for the McConnell amendment, which would permanently bar the EPA from regulating carbon unless Congress passed new legislation, is justified on democratic prerogatives alone.* Whatever one's views of *Massachusetts v. EPA* or climate science, no elected representative has ever voted on an EPA plan that has often involved the unilateral redrafting of plain-letter law. (March 28, 2011)

POLITICO: New Reform Regulations Fire Up Health Debate: Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah insisted that the Obama administration should allow plenty of time for comments and warned that *"any attempt to short-circuit this process would be detrimental to our nation's doctors and seniors."* (April 1, 2011)

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Interior Department Ends Pact with Polu Kai Services: The Interior Department said Thursday it ended a contract with a firm that said a proposed environmental rule could result in the loss of 7,000 coal mining jobs. "This news raises even more unanswered questions," Sen. Barrasso, R-WY, said. *"Americans have the right to know more about the Interior Department's reckless pursuit of this job-crushing rule."* (March 31, 2011)

HOUSTON CHRONICLE: GOP Sees the Light, Demands Bulb Law Repeal: *"The only thing that troubles me more than imperfections in the marketplace is the government trying to fix it because I guarantee that is not going to happen,"* said Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho. (March 31, 2011)

TC PALM: Rubio and Rooney: Why We're Fighting the EPA's Job-Destroying Water

Mandate: *If an EPA regulation has the potential to cost our state billions of dollars and thousands of jobs, we want to ensure it is based on sound science.* And rather than fly blind, we also demand that a complete economic study determine what the impact will be on our state's overall economy, on the water bills of families and businesses, and how this ultimately affects jobs. (March 29, 2011)

DETROIT NEWS: Carmakers Resist New Fed Fuel Rules: Automakers say they have no blanket opposition to the rules on safety and good fuel mileage; they just want adequate time to meet them, and at a cost that's reasonable for them and their customers. *Each safety or fuel economy rule can cost billions of dollars.* (March 30, 2011)

GOP Solutions to *Red Tape*

Vitter Introduces “Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction (3-D) Act”

(S.706): “The 3-D Act would *unleash our vast domestic energy potential to create American jobs, help free us from our reliance on foreign oil and begin to reduce our \$14 trillion dollar national debt,*” said U.S. Senator David Vitter. (March 31, 2011)

Inhofe, Johanns Introduce “Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act” (S. 609)

Snowe, Coburn Introduce the “Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act” (S. 474)

Roberts Introduces “Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act” (S. 358)

Collins Introduces “Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (CURB) Act” (S. 602)

Risch, Barrasso Defend Rural Communities from Unfunded EPA Mandates

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